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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1755

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S REMARKS ON NORTH KOREA

REF: GABORONE 1626

1. AT ONE POINT BEFORE DIPLOMATIC CORPS DINNER SEPTEMBER 16, PRESIDENT KHAMA FOUND HIMSELF IN SMALL CONVERSATIONAL GROUP WITH TWO OTHER PERSONS. HE WAS ASKED HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO, INTER ALIA, NORTH KOREA. PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN AN ALTOGETHER GLOOMY, FRUSTRATING AND UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE. HE SAID THE NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS APPEARED ONLY INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT "ONE REVERED LEADER" (KIM IL SUNG); THIS LATTER POINT WAS MAKDE WITH CONSIDERABLE IRONY. ONE INTERLOCUTOR SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST UNFORTUNATE ASPECT OF NORTH KOREA WAS THAT THEY REFUSED TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE AS HUMAN BEINGS. THE PRESIDENT AGREED EMPHATICALLY THAT THAT "WAS PRECISELY THE PROBLEM".

2. COMMENT: THIS LEADS NATURALLY TO QUESTION WHY THEN DOES GOB APPARENTLY PLAN NO SHIFT IN ITS POSITION ON THE TWO KOREAS, AND VOTE CONSISTENTLY IN FAVOR OF NORTH KOREA IN
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INTERNATIONAL FORA? WE BELIVE THE ANSWER LIES, AS WE HAVE

SAID BEFORE, IN GOB'S BASIC DESIRE TO RUN WITH THE PACK IN
OAU AND OTHER THIRD -WORLD, ALLEGEDLY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES,
PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES RELATED TO "IMPERIALSIT INTERVENTIONA".
FOR OTHER INSIGHTS INTO THE BATSWANA BASIC DISLIKE FOR THE
KIM IL SUNG REGIME, SEE GABORONE 1626.
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